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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES¹

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month

period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

**Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months**

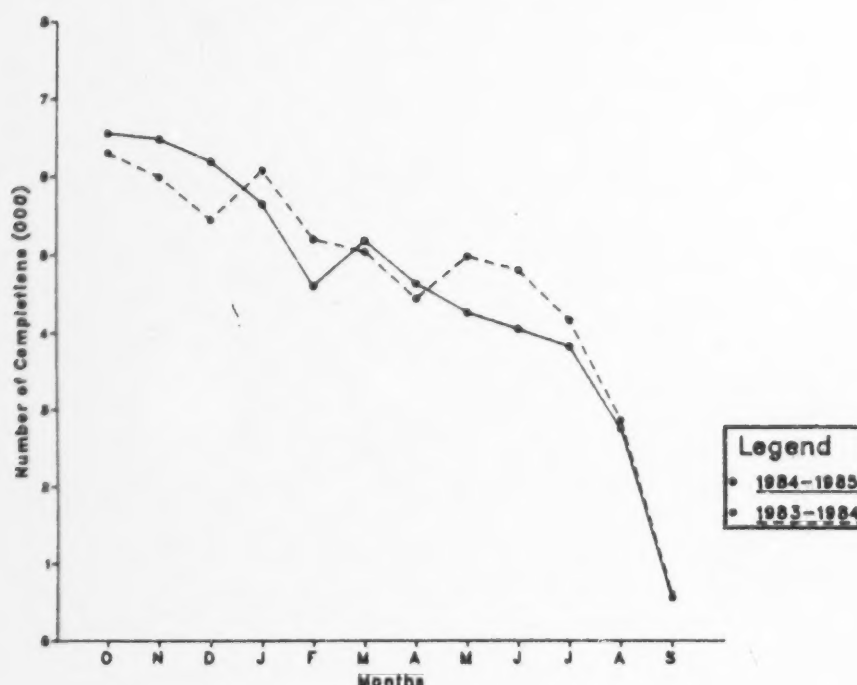


TABLE 1: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	17,924	76,299,662	6,492	37,095,595	11,134	57,244,978	35,550	170,640,235	36,367	173,521,374
1985: SEP	227	980,665	54	363,015	274	1,558,783	555	2,902,463	566	2,925,293
AUG	1,417	6,181,610	399	2,309,274	942	4,550,388	2,758	13,041,272	2,786	13,123,176
JUL	1,930	7,885,887	699	3,919,924	1,203	5,843,367	3,832	17,649,178	3,899	17,844,479
JUN	2,079	8,804,158	737	3,964,569	1,240	6,042,655	4,056	18,611,382	4,158	19,007,823
MAY	2,186	9,539,135	739	4,182,931	1,342	6,974,112	4,267	20,696,178	4,391	21,162,792
APR	2,403	10,232,687	764	4,646,734	1,471	7,560,459	4,638	22,439,880	4,736	22,762,733
MAR	2,629	11,229,711	950	5,541,133	1,804	8,031,732	5,183	24,802,576	5,311	25,199,934
FEB	2,294	10,046,888	983	5,645,375	1,328	7,147,764	4,605	22,840,027	4,724	23,240,234
JAN	2,759	11,598,921	1,167	6,522,640	1,730	9,535,718	5,656	27,657,279	5,796	28,254,910
TOTAL 1984	39,307	153,047,407	15,304	82,548,069	23,506	113,415,220	78,117	349,010,696	79,974	354,177,379
1984: DEC	3,039	11,654,389	1,273	6,639,534	1,886	9,779,915	6,198	28,073,838	6,324	28,471,034
NOV	3,240	12,394,311	1,408	7,140,681	1,836	9,214,560	6,484	28,749,552	6,615	29,153,987
OCT	3,266	13,349,030	1,402	7,468,960	1,889	9,104,906	6,557	29,922,896	6,738	30,512,788
SEP	3,216	12,202,132	1,281	6,731,605	1,930	9,097,029	6,427	28,030,766	6,549	28,366,957
AUG	3,471	12,988,949	1,456	7,857,179	2,355	10,772,820	7,282	31,418,948	7,444	31,914,343
JUL	3,547	13,557,816	1,299	7,111,708	2,173	9,930,574	7,019	30,599,898	7,174	31,051,406
JUN	3,504	13,072,779	1,365	7,149,336	2,229	10,132,804	7,098	30,354,919	7,261	30,785,993
MAY	3,408	13,327,583	1,242	6,885,136	1,872	9,141,851	6,522	29,354,570	6,680	29,737,092
APR	3,002	11,445,687	932	5,541,937	1,643	8,172,508	5,577	25,160,132	5,765	25,597,326
MAR	3,187	12,941,407	1,079	6,523,947	1,723	8,690,841	5,989	28,156,195	6,162	28,582,783
FEB	3,125	12,552,752	1,238	6,595,273	1,742	8,719,823	6,105	27,867,848	6,249	28,274,106
JAN	3,302	13,560,772	1,329	7,102,773	2,228	10,657,589	6,859	31,321,134	7,013	31,729,564
TOTAL 1983	35,776	133,122,020	13,953	74,633,829	22,932	101,607,630	72,661	309,363,479	74,632	314,017,317
1983: DEC	2,945	11,243,187	1,294	6,568,625	1,906	9,184,612	6,145	26,976,424	6,288	27,337,138
NOV	3,196	12,288,172	1,247	6,113,967	2,107	9,709,504	6,550	28,111,643	6,724	28,547,658
OCT	3,247	12,371,887	1,382	6,841,686	2,147	9,511,081	6,776	28,724,654	6,943	29,124,037
SEP	3,182	11,676,509	1,241	6,427,696	1,971	8,378,416	6,394	26,482,621	6,565	26,834,099
AUG	3,351	11,758,043	1,311	6,586,734	2,065	8,483,162	6,727	26,827,939	6,949	27,400,316
JUL	3,015	10,791,146	1,082	5,670,979	1,946	8,100,635	6,043	24,562,760	6,219	24,954,086
JUN	2,853	10,370,320	1,032	5,840,898	1,853	7,326,654	5,738	23,537,872	5,909	23,884,987
MAY	2,632	10,362,370	934	5,482,487	1,718	7,565,648	5,284	23,410,505	5,467	23,874,578
APR	2,550	9,815,507	869	5,188,805	1,552	7,160,800	4,971	22,165,112	5,092	22,451,030
MAR	2,864	11,024,824	1,068	6,102,330	1,836	8,487,090	5,768	25,614,244	5,930	25,946,653
FEB	2,536	9,647,359	1,082	6,047,466	1,716	7,804,764	5,334	23,499,589	5,453	23,806,355
JAN	3,405	11,772,696	1,411	7,762,156	2,115	9,915,264	6,931	29,450,116	7,093	29,856,380
TOTAL 1982	38,254	146,357,152	18,553	104,341,810	25,455	121,056,334	82,262	371,755,296	84,471	377,009,392
TOTAL 1981	42,739	169,224,238	19,861	106,278,271	27,216	132,702,638	89,816	408,205,147	92,196	414,052,784

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TABLE 11: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	1,017	5,907,033	646	4,271,910	5,003	28,283,015	6,666	38,461,958
1985: SEP	9	59,202	2	17,554	128	707,675	139	784,431
AUG	72	406,788	34	184,666	389	2,010,699	495	2,602,153
JUL	84	486,865	53	315,581	520	2,784,449	657	3,586,895
JUN	94	504,310	71	520,090	541	2,788,397	706	3,812,797
MAY	126	720,093	93	579,996	583	3,323,454	802	4,623,543
APR	125	680,636	87	604,954	652	3,801,407	864	5,086,997
MAR	161	960,107	79	531,753	707	4,021,993	947	5,513,853
FEB	158	968,629	99	667,460	654	3,842,913	911	5,479,002
JAN	188	1,120,403	128	849,856	829	5,002,028	1,145	6,972,287
TOTAL 1984	2,245	12,198,654	1,476	9,271,751	10,679	57,158,137	14,400	78,628,542
1984: DEC	142	753,077	91	486,266	914	5,316,038	1,147	6,555,381
NOV	173	946,348	96	575,977	834	4,661,997	1,103	6,184,322
OCT	160	823,287	131	865,249	913	4,692,118	1,204	6,380,654
SEP	211	1,172,242	120	805,386	866	4,484,031	1,197	6,461,659
AUG	180	964,935	118	775,279	1,019	5,404,208	1,317	7,144,422
JUL	187	979,866	144	940,909	1,033	5,134,163	1,364	7,053,938
JUN	191	1,061,698	128	738,405	1,042	5,220,915	1,361	7,021,018
MAY	213	1,167,744	129	793,887	819	4,499,579	1,161	6,461,210
APR	151	886,985	99	677,072	742	4,020,233	992	5,584,290
MAR	212	1,180,296	147	1,001,388	727	4,122,382	1,086	6,304,066
FEB	198	1,104,233	143	837,742	791	4,413,804	1,132	6,355,779
JAN	227	1,158,943	130	774,191	979	5,188,669	1,336	7,121,803
TOTAL 1983	2,093	10,447,734	1,626	10,121,533	9,879	47,958,972	13,598	68,528,239
1983: DEC	151	742,399	123	752,332	812	4,228,016	1,086	5,722,747
NOV	167	822,979	111	686,553	924	4,467,397	1,202	5,976,929
OCT	202	1,061,410	135	812,826	913	4,432,364	1,250	6,306,600
SEP	173	855,615	132	778,503	887	4,621,778	1,192	5,655,896
AUG	183	785,072	134	779,421	872	3,812,356	1,189	5,396,849
JUL	179	821,522	130	725,264	824	3,657,745	1,133	5,204,531
JUN	166	801,516	130	841,296	828	3,540,313	1,124	5,183,125
MAY	158	910,175	149	983,929	770	3,790,337	1,077	5,685,041
APR	176	865,954	131	858,033	638	3,320,354	945	5,044,341
MAR	174	933,550	147	878,954	770	4,073,417	1,091	5,885,921
FEB	170	922,628	145	972,962	702	3,711,093	1,017	5,606,683
JAN	194	924,914	159	1,051,460	939	4,883,202	1,292	6,859,576
TOTAL 1982	2,457	13,390,352	2,145	14,636,405	11,141	60,064,243	15,743	88,091,000
TOTAL 1981	2,666	15,430,986	2,529	17,019,596	12,283	68,788,597	17,478	101,239,179

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING SEPTEMBER 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,339	8,980,794	1,013	5,253,059	1,623	7,375,701	4,975	21,609,554	5,052	21,860,905
1985: SEP	227	980,665	54	363,015	274	1,558,783	555	2,902,463	566	2,925,293
AUG	1,067	4,471,717	337	1,928,399	572	2,550,026	1,976	8,950,142	1,994	9,003,702
JUL	437	1,614,687	246	1,195,148	307	1,411,133	990	4,220,968	1,008	4,293,497
JUN	168	583,559	121	573,566	157	679,383	446	1,836,508	455	1,865,468
MAY	130	411,720	57	282,586	101	361,018	288	1,055,324	295	1,083,009
APR	102	299,956	46	242,014	71	307,316	219	849,286	225	870,177
MAR	81	230,879	54	246,111	67	257,255	202	734,245	203	735,333
FEB	67	213,930	43	176,501	33	121,112	143	511,543	145	522,001
JAN	60	173,681	55	245,719	41	129,675	156	549,075	161	562,425
TOTAL 1984	451	1,053,748	458	1,879,383	189	595,610	1,098	3,528,741	1,160	3,692,631
1984: DEC	97	236,046	141	575,532	32	127,225	270	938,803	273	950,415
NOV	78	227,828	137	573,045	31	121,616	246	922,489	258	960,287
OCT	65	135,826	74	315,449	28	81,269	167	532,544	176	570,003
SEP	65	130,321	29	119,003	22	54,002	116	303,326	130	318,778
AUG	26	68,461	29	115,763	23	46,442	78	230,666	80	237,171
JUL	27	51,550	10	40,060	11	45,118	48	136,728	50	139,874
JUN	27	53,063	11	25,652	9	34,902	47	113,617	53	125,596
MAY	24	53,604	9	34,386	4	10,100	37	98,090	42	107,048
APR	6	13,347	7	29,883	2	13,940	15	57,170	19	61,456
MAR	5	17,430	3	22,837	9	22,411	17	62,678	19	74,023
FEB	25	55,623	5	18,314	10	25,051	40	98,988	42	113,888
JAN	6	10,649	3	9,459	8	13,534	17	33,642	18	34,092
TOTAL 1983	82	153,898	31	131,076	52	104,774	165	389,748	175	409,480
1983: DEC	9	16,423	2	6,479	10	17,019	21	39,921	21	39,921
NOV	12	31,691	2	12,145	6	11,420	20	55,256	21	55,986
OCT	6	10,513	5	12,701	5	24,600	16	47,814	16	47,814
SEP	11	25,739	0	0	3	1,352	14	27,091	14	27,091
AUG	10	24,823	1	3,888	6	7,474	17	36,185	18	41,585
JUL	6	5,994	4	19,888	8	17,678	18	43,560	18	43,560
JUN	9	19,723	7	26,945	2	2,123	18	48,791	22	53,951
MAY	12	12,286	2	14,252	6	13,319	20	39,857	23	43,847
APR	1	851	4	19,664	1	2,550	6	23,065	7	27,517
MAR	1	977	3	12,564	1	1,250	5	14,791	5	14,791
FEB	0	0	0	0	2	3,064	2	3,064	2	3,064
JAN	5	4,878	1	2,550	2	2,925	8	10,353	8	10,353
TOTAL 1982	38	55,715	28	101,874	15	40,995	81	198,584	81	198,584
YRS PRIOR TO 1982	38	94,626	24	80,585	27	51,843	89	227,054	91	231,852
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	2,948	10,338,781	1,554	7,445,977	1,906	8,168,923	6,408	25,953,681	6,559	26,393,452

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of September 30, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.
2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.
3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLES III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.
2. See footnote (2) above.
3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period September 1, 1985 through September 30, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.